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SUBJ: NEW FINANCNE MINISTER NAMED

1. MOHAMED YUSUF WEIRAH, THE FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE PLANNING COMMISSION, WAS APPOINTED MINISTER OF FINANCE ON DEC 21. ACCORDING TO THE SOMALI NEWS AGENCY, SONNA, WEIRAH WAS NAMED TO HIS NEW POST IN A POLITBURO MEETING ON THE SAME DAY AND SWORN IN THAT AFTERNOON. PRESIDENT SIAD WISHED WEIRAH SUCCESS IN CARRYING OUT THE DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT.

2. COMMENT: DIPLOMATIC GOSSIP AGREED THAT WEIRAH WAS KICKED UPSTAIRS WHEN HE WAS RELIEVED OF HIS PLANNING COMMISSION ASSIGNMENT IN MID-OCTOBER. THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED STORY IN MOGADISCIO WAS THAT THE OFTEN ACERBIC AND LEFT LEANING ECONOMIST NO LONGER FIT THE IMAGE OF GOVERNMENT OF THE SOMALI DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (GSDR) WISHED TO PRESENT TO IMPORTANT WESTERN DONORS. UNTIL TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT WEIRAH SERVED FOR TWO MONTHS IN RELATIVE OBSCURITY AS ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT

THERE WAS NO PUBLIC MENTION OF THE
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FORMER INCUMBENT, ABDURAHMAN NUR HERSI, WHO AS RECENTLY AS DEC 18 SIGNED THE PUBLIC LAW 480 TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR THE GSDR. IF THE FORMER MINISTER KNEW HIS JOB WAS IN JEOPARDY, HE GAVE NO HINT OF IT DURING THE CONTACTS HE HAD WITH CODEL TSONGAS AND BONKER ONLY FOUR DAYS AGO. LOUGHRAN

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